

Circular 3569

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2019 NSW Country Team Athlete Nominations

Attention: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Competition Officers, Branch Officers, Coaches and Competitors.

Actioned by: Athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2019 NSW Country Team

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Summary:	SLSNSW is calling for nominations from athletes wishing to gain selection in the 2019 NSW County Team.
Action:	Please complete the online nomination form by 11pm Sunday 4 November 2018

To support development opportunities for our Country based athletes, in 2019 SLSNSW will select both a youth and open NSW Country Team to attend the SLSA Surf Interstate Championships. The NSW Country Team will compete against all State Teams (including NSW) with some conditions. This is an opportunity to represent NSW Country, strengthen the pathway for our Country athletes and to challenge the best of the Surf Sports Athletes in our States. As well as this, the biennial Trans-Tasman Tri Series, held between NSW Country, Central Coast and New Zealand Northern Region also falls in 2019, hosted by the Central Coast.

The NSW County Team will compete at both the 2019 TTTS to be held on the Central Coast (dates below) and the SLSA Surf Interstate Championships to be held at Newport Beach on Thursday 24 January 2019. **All selected team members are required to attend the both team camps; TTTS 2-8 January 2019 and Interstate 22-25 January 2019.

Date	TTTS Competition	Location
4 January 2019	Competition Round 1	Central Coast TBA
5 January 2019	Competition Round 2	Central Coast TBA
7 January 2019	Competition Round 3	Central Coast TBA

Team Management:

Head Coach: Scott McCartney
Assistant Coach: Susan McCaughtrie
Team Manager: Debbie Pawsey

Team Composition:

The NSW Country Team consists of clubs within the NSW Country Branches (FNC, NC, MNC, LNC, SC & FSC). TTTS; A team of 18 athletes, 9 Female and 9 Male from the U17, U19 & Open categories will be selected, consisting of:

Open	3 x Male athletes	3 x Female athletes
Under 19	3 x Male athletes	3 x Female athletes
Under 17	3 x Male athletes	3 x Female athletes

Surf Interstate; a team of 24 athletes will be selected, consisting of:

The Open State team: A maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members (a total of 12 team members). To be eligible for an Open State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years on or before midnight 30 September 2018 (i.e. Under 17 age group) and hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II in Public Safety.

The Youth State team: A maximum of 6 male and 6 female competitive members from the U17 and U19 age categories (a total of 12 team members). A minimum of 2 U17 males and 2 U17 females must be in each Youth State team. To be eligible for a Youth State Team a member must be a minimum age of 15 years (i.e. Under 17 age group and hold a proficient bronze medallion / Cert II in Public Safety) and a maximum age of 18 years on or before midnight 30 September 2018.

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Open**	6 x Male athletes	6 x Female athletes
Youth	6 x Male athletes	6 x Female athletes

**the Country NSW Interstate team will see to 6 additional open athletes selected. Please note these athletes will not compete at the TTTS, these athletes will be notified directly by their team management.

- Only athletes eligible to compete for Australia can be selected as part of these Championships.
- Competitors must meet requirements as per SLSA Policy 5.4 eligibility to compete in SLSA Competition (November 2017 version).

Levy:

Team Levy: A levy of approximately \$900-\$1400 (incl. GST) will be payable for all successful athletes to assist with the cost of the team (i.e. uniform, accommodation, food, etc.). The absolute levy amount will be determined in the near future once the team logistics and planning have been finalised. Clubs will be invoiced for this team levy and it will then be up to the club to pass on this expense onto the individual athlete.

All Athletes will be required to arrange their own travel to and from the camp venues, arriving approx. 10am on day 1 of each camp.

Selection Policy:

- Athletes with competition rights for a SLSC from HUN, CC, SNB, SYD and ILL Branches are not able to nominate for the NSW Country Team
- Athletes must have competitive rights with a NSW Country Branch Club, for a minimum of 12 months to the closing date of this nomination form.
- There is no "Country Branch of Origin" available for members with competition rights for a metro NSW SLSCs.
- Athletes may nominate for both NSW and NSW Country teams, however SLSNSW Selectors will give preference to NSW selection first.
- NSW Country cannot draft competitors into the team however, Country athletes not selected are eligible to draft to other States.
- Members will have a recent proven track record of contribution to their Country NSW club (such as competing at the Country Championships or selected as part of a Country Branch for the NSW Interbranch Championships).

How to Nominate:

- Read the SLSA Interstate Rules and Entry Circular (when available)
- All nominating members are asked to familiarise themselves with the SLSNSW [Selection Policy](#) and the SLSNSW [Athlete & Management Agreement](#). All athletes will be required to comply with the guidelines and expectations set out in these documents.
- Complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) by **11pm Sunday 4 November 2018**
- It is anticipated that all candidates will be notified by Friday 30 November 2018
- All nominees must be current financial members and proficient with their relevant awards. All nominations must be endorsed by both Club and Branch representatives prior to selection – Any nomination that fails to meet these requirements will not be accepted.

E-Learning:

Successful athletes will be required to complete the ASADA Level 1 Anti-Doping and Match Fixing e-learning courses. Both of these courses are free of charge and provide an opportunity to develop a knowledge and understanding of anti-doping and match fixing in sport. Moving forward, SLSNSW strongly believe this is a great additive to the structure of any team and is vital for elite competition and athlete development. SLSNSW fully supports the new SLSA Anti-Doping and Match Fixing policies (SLSA Members Portal>Library/Governance/SLSA/Policy 5.1 1 & 5.02).

Following the completion of each course, a completion certificate/email must be forwarded to Chiara Nowland cnowland@surflifesaving.com.au. SLSNSW have organised with SLSA to have these courses uploaded on to SurfGuard as an award. Once completed, the courses do not have to be completed again, unless there is an update in information from the organisations. If anyone has previously completed either course, proof must be sent in order to be recognised.

For further information please contact Chiara Nowland, Sports Officer on 02 9471 8028 or email cnowland@surflifesaving.com.au

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